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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2019-

TO ADOPT THE PROPOSITION 68 GROUNDWATER TREATMENT AND REMEDiation GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

WHEREAS:

1. The *California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018* (Proposition 68), was approved by California voters on June 5, 2018. Proposition 68 allocates \$80 million to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to provide competitive grants for treatment and remediation activities that prevent or reduce the contamination of groundwater that serves as a source of drinking water (Pub. Resources Code, § 80141);
2. Proposition 68 requires the development and adoption of project solicitation and evaluation guidelines prior to disbursing grants for any competitive grant program (Pub. Resources Code, § 80010, subd. (a));
3. On May 17, 2019, the draft Proposition 68 Groundwater Treatment and Remediation Grant Program Guidelines (Guidelines) were posted on the State Water Board's website for public review and comment, and the public comment period closed on July 3, 2019;
4. Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) staff held three public workshops in June 2019 at locations in southern California, northern California, and the Central Valley;
5. DFA staff has considered all comments and made appropriate revisions in preparing the draft Guidelines for State Water Board consideration; and
6. The Guidelines support the Human Right to Water, and are consistent with State Water Board Resolution No. 2016-0010, by providing funding to prevent or reduce contamination of groundwater that serves as a source of drinking water.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board

1. Adopts the Guidelines and authorize the Deputy Director of DFA to make non-substantive changes to the Guidelines.

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2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the DFA or designee to award grants and execute grant agreements and amendments for routine, non-controversial projects consistent with the Guidelines.
3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the DFA to utilize funds from projects which are withdrawn or completed under budget to fund additional projects or augment the scope of work and budget of projects previously awarded, consistent with the Guidelines.
4. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the DFA to withdraw a grant award if the applicant is non-responsive or the Division has exhausted reasonable efforts to resolve issues that prevent the execution of a grant agreement.
5. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the DFA to terminate a grant agreement where there is a violation of a material provision of the agreement by the recipient.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on August 20, 2019.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board